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Avi J. ASHKENAZI, et al..) Art Unit: 1646
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above identified application. A Notice of Appeal for the present application was filed on October 20, 2004. The RCE filing is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time for five months to maintain co-pendency of this application. Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

Enclosed herewith is also a Declaration by Audrey Goddard, Ph.D., a consideration of which is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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